

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

4, March 2013 7:00 PM

Kibbe Fuller Community Center

- I. Call to Order – 7:07pm
- II. Minutes of prior meeting (2/4) – Motioned and Approved by the Commission attendees.
- III. Audience/Attendance – Members: Jeff Jablonski, Steve Woicik, Stephanie Gershowitz, Liz Devine, Lou Stetson, Karen McGuane
Non-Members – Amy Saada, Bruce Urbon, Todd Rolland, Toby Renzoni

IV. Coordinator Report Recreation Coordinator Report 3/4/13

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT –APRIL 5th

The Recreation Department has partnered with SES PTA to offer FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. SES students and families are invited to a full evening of entertainment. Bring your snacks, pillows and blankets!

6:00pm Entertainer, Magician, and Comedian: LUCKY BOB!

7:00pm 'Wreck-It Ralph' Movie

Admission at the door: \$4.00 per person/10.00 per family, doors open at 5:30pm.

Popcorn and Lemonade served.

Attention All Runners! –July thru September

The Southern New England Athletic Association & Somers Recreation are proud to present the 2013 Somers Summer Series....A fun, family, grass roots weekly 5K race series taking place on the Somers High School Cross Country Course!

When: Every Wednesday Night beginning July 24-Sept. 11th

Time: Registration opens at 5:15, Race starts at 6:15

Entry Fee: Adults 8.00/Children 10 and under FREE

Each race will be digitally timed....Prizes to be given out....look here for more information!

Somers Recreation Day Trips

The Somers Recreation Department is proud to offer the following trips. For more information or to sign up, please call 860-763-4379. Book early to assure spot!

April 20, 2013- Your pick of the **BRONX ZOO or NY BOTANICAL GARDENS**.

\$64.00 includes Motor Coach Transportation and entrance fee.

May 5, 2013-**BOSTON Your WAY!** \$39.00 includes Motor Coach Transportation only.

June 22, 2013- **9/11 Memorial and Intrepid Museum** in New York. \$65.00 includes Motor coach and entrance fee and time on your own.

July 13, 2013- **The Lucky Lobster**. \$59.00 includes Motor coach, 1 meal at Rocky's on the Water, visit to Mohegan Sun and 2nd meal voucher at Casino, and Casino Free play on the Big Wheel

August 7, 2013- **Suffolk Downs**. \$53.00 includes Motor coach, lunch buffet, clubhouse admission, a race named for Somers Group, betting explanation and more!

Skyhawks Returns!

We are offering Skyhawks Sport Camps for our second year! We have increased offerings and hope you consider signing up for one of their camps. They are so professionally managed and all the feedback from participants last year was positive experiences. Some of the additional camps in addition to what we offered last year include: Grades K-2 Basketball, Flag Football, SNAG (Starting New at Golf) for ages 5-8 and new this year is ages 9-11. Come join the fun! And the best news...we are offering the camps at a lower price than our surrounding towns!!

Somers Recreation TOT T-Ball –SIGN UP's have BEGUN

Bring the little ones out for some good old fashioned TBALL! Program is intended for girls and boys ages 3-5 to come learn the basics, while having fun! Session runs for 5 weeks. Starts 4/13/13....sign up today, space fills up quickly!

Pavilion Rentals

Are you planning a birthday, retirement or family get together? Consider renting one of our pavilions to hold your event! Fee is \$50.00 for 4 Hours. Call the Recreation Department today! 860-763-4379.

Coming Soon!

FITNESS

Zumba, Zumbatomic, Zumba Gold....dates for May TBD

Martial Arts, Instructor Duane Pichay, Dates TBD

UK-SOCCA

UK International's Soccer tots program introduces soccer in a fun-filled, magical environment for 3, 4 and 5 year old boys and girls. Replace TOT Soccer Program that the Rec department had been doing. Will be held in Spring and Fall.

CHILDREN's MUSIC PROGRAMS-Working on dates and times...more info to come!

Tune in Together"

This live, interactive music program is designed for children aged 0-5 and their families. We will sing, dance and play together to developmentally appropriate music. The activities presented support the development of early childhood including communication, social skills and self-expression. Miss Renee Coro, is a board certified music therapist and children's songwriter who creates music with children of all ages and abilities. Come experience this dynamic music program that will have you and your children engaged and rockin' to the beat! This program is adaptable for all settings including libraries, schools, outreach centers and other agencies serving the early childhood community.

Sprouting Melodies

This is an interactive early childhood music program designed for you and your little one! This is a series class that offers dynamic experiences within singing, moving and playing that is developmentally designed for your child's age. Details coming soon!

V. DPW Parks Report

Concerns for the Rec. Commission:

- Getting ready for spring, as soon as the weather breaks we commence operations for opening day.
- We ask all associations to go through their supplies stored in town buildings.

Update:

1. Field 5 work continues. We have removed all of the trees behind field #4 & #5. Stump removal and grading continues.
2. The intersection improvements at Ninth District Road and Main Street went out to bid. The bids were opened and winning bidder will be awarded the contract within the next few weeks. Construction will commence this spring.
Firehouse Field parking lot is to be used as a staging area for construction and will be unavailable for the next two years +/- . Parking for field use will be along the access road to the cell tower behind the firehouse, this area is limited so plan accordingly.
3. We installed the first perimeter drain at the Town Hall fields. We will install the second once the ground has dried out.

Vandalism Report:

- 2012 / 2013 winter. The picnic tables are being flipped over and used for snowboarding. No damage so far. This year we will look at bolting the tables down.
- 11/13/12 Doughnuts all over the upper parking lot
- 11/1/12 Burnouts all over the lower parking lot.

- 10/26/12 burnouts all over the lower parking lot.
- 10/22/12 broken glass and burnouts all over the upper parking lot. A police report was filed
- 10/22/12 a new trash can by the upper parking lot was set on fire. A police report was filed.
- 10/ 9/12 the new motorcycle spring toy in the playground was stolen for the second time. It costs \$800.00 to replace. A police report was filed. We will not be replacing it again.

Respectfully Submitted,

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VI. Old Business:

- a. Batting cages update – Waiting on the town for final approval to begin ground breaking.
- b. Petition for sports organizations – Jeff Jablonski to provide petition supporting additional areas for Somers citizens to utilize for sporting and recreation activities.
- c. Spring opportunities – Follow up – Camp Iapo is on hold until further notice. The town is still reviewing this opportunity.

VII. New Business:

- a. Update regarding planned development work at Field Rd. Park – No further news to submit. Work has begun regarding the 50/70 field and new parking lot near the HS soft ball and soccer fields.
- b. Rangers field requests – Somers LL is still working with other District 8 towns on the Majors, Minors and Instructional game and practice schedules. Until then the Rangers request for access to the Majors field on Thur. evenings and 2 hour blocks on Sat and Sun remains open. If SLL is unable to provide an update to Amy Saada by Monday, March 12th then it is the recommendation of the

- Rec Commission that the Rangers 12U field request be denied by the Rec Dept. and re-submitted at a later date.
- c. The Rangers 13U request will be approved after the SLL Juniors schedule is created by Monday, 3/19.

VII: Correspondence - None

VIII: Next Meeting – Monday, April 1st

IX: Adjournment - 8:32 pm